



Stakeholder Advisory Committee (SHAC)

June 22, 2022, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Location: Online Meeting Only Via Zoom

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MEETING AGENDA

1. **ROLL CALL**
2. **ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR**
3. **BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR**

The public and SHAC members will have an opportunity to comment on items not on the agenda and that are relevant to the SHAC. Committee members and Management Committee staff are not required to respond to any issues raised during the public comment period. Commenters are asked to respect differing perspectives and to keep remarks within three minutes.
4. ***REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE 3/15/22 & 4/27/22 SHAC MEETING MINUTES**
5. **UPDATE AND DISCUSSION OF VINA GSA FINANCING OPTIONS** (Verbal Report - Kamie Loeser, Management Committee)
6. ***OVERVIEW OF SGMA IMPLEMENTATION GRANT APPLICATION AND PROCESS** (Report - Christina Buck, Management Committee)
7. **UPDATE ON VINA GSA BOARD'S APPROVAL FOR THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE TO REQUEST FACILITATION AND SUPPORT SERVICES (FSS) FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES** (Verbal Report - Kamie Loeser, Management Committee)
8. **CONSIDERATION OF FUTURE SHAC MEETING DATE, TIME, AND FORMAT** (Verbal Report – Kamie Loeser, Management Committee)
9. **MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE UPDATE** (Verbal Report - Kamie Loeser, Management Committee)
 - a. Executive Order N-7-22
10. **ADJOURNMENT**

The Committee will adjourn to their next meeting on July 27, 2022 or another date to be confirmed at this meeting.

*Materials included in Agenda Packet.

Agenda Posted: 6/18/2022

**MINUTES OF THE
VINA STAKEHOLDER ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SHAC)
REGULAR MEETING**

Meeting of
March 15, 2022, 9:00 a.m.
ONLINE MEETING VIA ZOOM

Meeting started at 9:13 a.m.

1. ROLL CALL

SHAC Members Present:

Jim Brobeck
Anne Dawson
Sam Geopp
Samantha Lewis
Joanne Parsley
Bruce Smith
Greg Sohnrey

SHAC Members Absent: Chris Madden, Evan Markey, and Todd Greene

Staff Present:

Kelly Peterson, Christina Buck, and Kamie Loeser (Butte County Department of Water & Resource Conservation (BCDWRC), Linda Herman (City of Chico).

2. BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

Members of the public may address the Board at this time on any matter not already listed on the agenda; comments are limited to three minutes. The Board cannot take any action at this meeting on requests made under this section of the agenda.

There was no Business from the Floor

3. APPROVAL OF MEETING SUMMARY FOR THE 11/04/21 SHAC MEETING

The SHAC had no changes and accepted the 11/04/22 meeting summary.

4. REVIEW OF THE 2021 WATER YEAR ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE VINA SUBBASIN

Management Committee member Buck provided an overview of the Annual Report for the 2021 Water Year, defined as October 1, 2020 thru September 30, 2021.

SHAC member Sohnrey requested that next years and future reports separate Ag lands from managed wetlands.

SHAC Member Brobeck inquired if undesirable results are going to be analyzed this year even though it is a drought year and not required. Staff responded that the County keeps track of this. Brobeck also asked if the Drought Impact Analysis Study will be presented to the SHAC. Staff responded it won't be ready but there will be a public webinar in which the SHAC will be invited. He also asked if the Study would continue in the future.

SHAC Member Dawson asked is the Butte Basin groundwater model going to continue for the annual report or the Vina subbasin model used in the 2021 year report. Staff responded Butte Basin covers more than just the Vina Subbasin and was used in the Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP), but it is not practical financially to modify the Butte Basin model each year. Dawson was also concerned that 2019 and 2022 years do not have real data and are estimated by previous years 2013 and 2017 respectively. Staff responded that real data will be added in the future.

SHAC Member Geopp asked if the report includes artificial recharge or water transfer activities outside the area. Staff responded that there were no recharge or water transfer projects in the Vina subbasin this water year.

SHAC Member Smith stated his concerns that the maps on page 52 of the report does not show screen elevations, which is not in compliance with the SGMA regulations.

Public comments:

Aimee Raymond inquired why the report did not include Pine Creek as a surface water source in the report. Staff will ask the consultant who prepared the report.

Pam Stoesser had questions and provided comments regarding the report but did not have suggested changes for the report.

***** SHAC member Markey joined the meeting at 10:30 a.m. *****

SHAC member Lewis motioned to accept the 2021 Water Year Annual Report and that the suggestions provided by the SHAC, and the public be considered in future reports, where applicable. The motion was seconded by SHAC Member Smith.

Motion carried as follows:

AYES: SHAC Members Brobeck, Dawson, Geopp, Lewis, Parsley, Smith, and Sohnrey

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Markey

ABSENT: SHAC Members Greene and .Madden

5. REVIEW OF THE SHAC PROCESSES AND PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE VINA GSA BOARD

Management Committee Member Peterson led a discussion and a review of the current purpose, structure, and protocols of the SHAC Committee and meeting process. The SHAC discussed items such as whether to establish a Chair/Vice Chair, format of meeting minutes and voting procedures.

Management Committee member Peterson clarified that the detailed discussion on any action items taken by the SHAC would be provided in the agenda report to the Vina GSA Board.

Management Committee member Loeser suggested that maybe pertinent written background information provided by SHAC members or the public at the SHAC meetings could be added to the Vina GSA Board agenda as SHAC correspondence.

Public comments from Aimee Raymond and Pam Stoesser were received regarding this item.

SHAC member Sohnrey requested more information regarding a letter sent by some members of the SHAC to the Vina GSA Board regarding concerns with the adoption of the final GSP. He also requested a legal opinion whether any SHAC members who may be part of the pending lawsuit against the Vina GSA be able to remain on the SHAC.

SHAC member Lewis suggested the SHAC review the Communications Plan and possibly revise the Plan.

After the discussion, it was the consensus of the majority of the SHAC to recommend that the Vina GSA Board approve the following changes to the SHAC Charter:

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1. Establish a traditional meeting format of appointing a SHAC Chair and Vice-Chair each year.
2. Require a quorum of at least 6 out of the 10 members of the SHAC in attendance to conduct a meeting.

3. Establish a simple majority voting process that require a vote of the majority of those members in
4. attendance, not the majority of the entire SHAC membership.
5. Prepare action only minutes with the provision that meeting recordings are available to the public on the website and that the SHAC staff reports to the Board provide an overview of the meeting/recommendations and identify any areas of agreement or disagreement.

6. MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE UPDATE

The following item was provided for the Board's information.

- a. Future discussion with Board on GSP Implementation and SGMA Implementation grant.
- b. Lawsuit/Complaint filed against the Vina GSA Board

Management Committee Loeser provided an update regarding a GSP Implementation discussion that will take place at the Vina GSA Board level.

Loeser also provided a presentation on the SGMA Implementation grant opportunity coming in the Fall 2022 and SHAC's role in that grant process.

Loeser also provided a quick update on the Vina GSA Board's closed session meeting regarding the lawsuit that resulted in directing the legal counsel to accept service complain on behalf of the Vina GSA and to work with the Rock Creek Reclamation District legal counsel on the lawsuit.

SHAC member Dawson and Smith asked about receiving a copy of the legal complaint and it was suggested that SHAC and members of the public can view the complaint on the Aqua Alliance website.

Public comments from Richard Harriman were received regarding the lawsuit discussion.

7. CONSIDERATION OF THE 2022 SHAC MEETING SCHEDULE

Management Committee Member Herman presented a proposed meeting schedule for the SHAC meetings which provides for the meeting to be held on the fourth Wednesday of the month at 9:00 a.m. for the remainder of the 2022 year.

The SHAC decided to move the November 23, 2022 meeting to November 30 due to the Thanksgiving holiday and to possibly cancel the December 28, 2022 meeting.

A discussion was also had on whether the SHAC should start meeting in person, or to keep meeting online, or to meet both in person and online (hybrid).

SHAC Members Brobeck, Lewis, Markey, Parsley, Smith, and Sohnrey preferred the hybrid option.

SHAC Member Dawson preferred meeting online only.

SHAC Member Geopp preferred meeting in person.

8. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 11:58 a.m. to the regular SHAC meeting to be held on April 27, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. online via Zoom.

**MINUTES OF THE
VINA STAKEHOLDER ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SHAC)
REGULAR MEETING**

Meeting of
April 27, 2022, 9:00 a.m.
ONLINE MEETING VIA ZOOM

1. ROLL CALL

SHAC Members Present:

Jim Brobeck
Anne Dawson
Sam Geopp
Todd Greene
Samantha Lewis
Chris Madden
Joanne Parsley
Bruce Smith
Greg Sohnrey

SHAC Members Absent: Evan Markey

Member Agency Staff Present:

Kelly Peterson, Christina Buck, and Kamie Loeser (Butte County Department of Water & Resource Conservation (BCDWRC), Linda Herman (City of Chico).

2. BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

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SHAC members Brobeck and Greene made comments regarding the Drought Impact Analysis Study Report that was presented to the Board of Supervisors, particularly regarding reported sinkholes in areas to the west and south of the Vina subbasin. Mr. Brobeck encouraged the SHAC to review the report.

SHAC member Lewis asked if the final report would be available before the next Interbasin Coordination meeting and was informed that no coordination meetings are currently scheduled.

****SHAC member Dawson left the meeting****

3. REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF THE REDLINE REVISIONS TO SHAC CHARTER PER THE VINA GSA BOARD'S APPROVAL OF SHAC RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CHANGES TO SHAC PROCEDURES (KELLY PETERSON, MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE)

Management Committee member Peterson provided a review of the amendments to the SHAC Charter that were suggested by the SHAC and approved by the Vina GSA Board.

SHAC member Sohnrey motioned to approve the SHAC Charter as revised and presented. The motion was seconded by SHAC Member Lewis.

Motion carried as follows:

AYES: SHAC Members Brobeck, Geopp, Greene, Lewis, Madden, Parsley, Smith, and Sohnrey

NOES: None

ABSENT: SHAC Members Markey and Dawson

4. INTRODUCTION TO GSA ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCING OPTIONS

The Management Committee provided a proposed budget needed to administer and operate the Vina GSA, including preparing data and annual reporting required under SGMA. The need for a possible GSA Coordinator, whether it is GSA staff, a consultant or a member agency staff, was also discussed. Loeser also discussed with the SHAC the need to find ways to finance all these GSA costs each year and suggested that a consultant come to the next SHAC meeting to discuss options.

Several SHAC members expressed the need for the State to provide funding for GSA administration costs statewide and also to obtain funding from new development.

****SHAC member Greene had to leave at 10:00 a.m.****

**** SHAC member Markey entered the meeting around 10:11 a.m.****

After much discussion, the SHAC requested that the Management Committee do the following:

1. Provide a more detailed budget to get a better idea of the actual funds needed.
2. To look at opportunities to share costs with other GSAs, particularly for the monitoring and annual reporting costs.
3. Schedule legal counsel or a consultant presentation on financing options for the SHAC's May 25, 2022 meeting.
4. Pursue engaging the Water Commission, Board of Supervisors, the Vina GSA Board, or other agencies to lobby for State funding.

Public comments were received from Debra Lucero, Richard Harriman, and Tovey Giezentanner regarding this item.

5. MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE UPDATE

The following item was provided for the Board's information.

a. Executive Order N-7-22

Management Committee member Loeser provided an update regarding the Governor's Executive Order N-7-22, the role of the GSA, and the new process being developed in collaboration with Butte County Division of Environmental Health when permitting new large diameter wells.

6. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 10:55 a.m. to the regular SHAC meeting to be held on June 22, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. online via Zoom.



Sustainable Groundwater Management Grant Program

Vina Subbasin

Stakeholder Advisory Committee Meeting

June 22, 2022



SGM Grant Program Overview

- ▶ DWR is administering the Sustainable Groundwater Management (SGM) Grant Program
- ▶ Final Guidelines and Proposal Solicitation Package (PSP) were released in December 2021
- ▶ Two rounds of grant solicitations.
 - ▶ Round 1 – funds were awarded spring 2022 for Critically Overdrafted Basins ~\$150 million
 - ▶ Round 2- solicitation expected to open late 2022 (timing uncertain)
 - ▶ **Grant awards will be: Minimum** – \$1 million per basin; **Maximum**– \$20 million per basin
- ▶ Only one application will be accepted per basin/subbasin
- ▶ Eligible reimbursable expenses incurred back to December 2021



Anticipated Process and Tentative Timeline

- ▶ Today: Introduce topic

Homework:

1. Watch your email inbox for an Initial Project Survey
2. Encourage you to re-read/refer to the Projects and Management Actions Section (5) and Implementation Section (6) of [Vina Groundwater Sustainability Plan](#) (GSP)

- ▶ July SHAC meeting: begin discussion of potential projects to include in a grant application.

Goal: SHAC recommendation on which projects should be further developed and brought back for SHAC discussion

- ▶ Late Summer/Early Fall: Begin facilitated public process to finalize package of projects to include in a grant application. This will include further discussion and recommendations from the SHAC, coordination with Rock Creek Reclamation District GSA, and ultimate decision by the GSA Boards (RCRD and Vina GSAs)



Attached Table

- The attached table of topics/activities/projects/management actions was compiled from the PMA and Implementation sections of the GSP.
- Staff sorted them.
- Staff will describe the table at the meeting.

Summary of Vina GSP Implementation Activities

Column #	Project/Activity	Cost	Category	Implementing Agency	Staff Recommendation	Notes
1	Monitoring GWL	\$20,000	Monitoring	DWRC	Include	
2	Monitoring WQ	\$8,000	Monitoring	DWRC	Include	
3	Data Management System (Section 6.4)	\$5,000	Data Analysis	DWRC	Include	
4	Update Data Management System	\$50,000	Data Analysis	DWRC	Include	
5	Review of Groundwater Data	\$5,000	Data Analysis	DWRC	Include	
6	Annual Report	\$30,000	Reporting and Evaluation	DWRC/GSAs	Include	
7	GSP Updates and Response to DWR Comments	TBD	Implementation Activity	Vina GSA	Include	Includes updates to address UR #6- deadline 2025
8	5.4.2 Butte Basin Model Update	\$50,000 - \$100,000	Data Collection	DWRC	Include	
9	5.4.4 Interconnected Surface Water/Associated impacts on Groundwater Dependent Ecosystems	\$100,000 – \$250,000	Data Collection	DWRC/GSAs	Include	Address data gap
10	5-year Evaluation Report	\$100,000	Reporting and Evaluation	GSAs	Include	
11	6.7 Interbasin Coordination	TBD	Implementation Activity	DWRC/GSAs	Include	
12	5.4.3 Community Monitoring	\$50,000 - \$150,000	Data Collection	Vina GSA	Include	Address data gap re: establishing SMC based on domestic wells
13	5.2.3.1 Agricultural Irrigation Efficiency	TBD **	Project (planned)	TBD	Include	
14	5.2.3.3 Scoping for Flood MAR/Surface Water Supply and Recharge	TBD	Project (planned)	Vina GSA/RCRD GSA	Include	
15	5.2.3.4 Community Water Education Initiative	Component 1: \$50-100K annually; Component 2: \$10,000-\$200,000 annually; Component 3: \$10,000-\$25,000 annually	Project (planned)	CSUC CWE	Include	Outreach and Education
16	5.2.4.1 Paradise Irrigation District Intertie	TBD	Project (potential)	PID	Discuss	
17	5.2.4.2 Agricultural Surface Water Supplies	TBD	Project (potential)	TBD	Discuss	
18	5.2.4.3 Streamflow Augmentation	TBD	Project (potential)	Vina GSA	Discuss	
19	5.2.4.4 Community Monitoring Program	TBD	Project (potential)	CSUC	Discuss	
20	5.2.4.5 Recycled Wastewater	TBD	Project (potential)	City of Chico/Vina GSA	Discuss	
21	5.2.4.6 Rangeland Management	TBD	Project (potential)	CSUC	Discuss	
22	5.2.4.7 Removal of Invasive Species	TBD	Project (potential)	CSUC	Discuss	
23	5.2.4.8 Surface Water Supply and Recharge (ex. Sand Creek, Lindo Channel)	TBD	Project (potential)	TBD	Discuss	
24	5.2.5.1 Extend Orchard Replacement	TBD	Project (conceptual)	TBD	Discuss	
25	5.4.1 Contour Mapping	\$20,000 - \$50,000	Data Collection	Vina GSA	Discuss	Could incorporate into Interbasin Coordination and/or GWL monitoring
26	5.3.2 Domestic Well Mitigation	TBD	Management Action	TBD	Discuss	
27	5.3.3 Well Permitting Ordinance	TBD	Management Action	Butte County	Discuss	Coordinate with County
28	5.3.4 Landscape Ordinance	TBD	Management Action	Butte County/Chico	Discuss	Coordinate with County
29	5.3.5 Prohibition of Groundwater Use for Ski (Recreational) Lakes	TBD	Management Action	Butte County/Vina GSA	Discuss	Coordinate with County
30	5.3.6 Expansion of Water Purveyors' Service Area (ex Cal Water, Durham Irrigation District)	TBD	Management Action	TBD	Discuss	
31	5.3.7 Groundwater Allocation	TBD	Management Action	GSAs	Discuss	

Note: Regarding activities to be included per staff recommendation, further discussion on scope/budget/schedule will occur. Further developing background on these projects for future SHAC/public discussion should be considered a given because they are identified in the GSP as things the GSAs must or will do, or are designated as a "planned project"